Dissertation: a practice innovation project  K801

Presentation pattern  September 2009 to October 2010
                            May 2010 to June 2011

Module description

The practice innovation project is designed to enable students to complete a focussed piece of project work that reflects their healthcare role and which demonstrates scholarship associated with some form of practice development. Projects should normally be designed so as not to require research ethics clearance, but to produce evidence of teamwork consultation and a review of practice norms. This module builds on teaching in K823 Developing skills for practice, K822 Leading healthcare and K821 Innovating in practice and leads to the preparation of an 18,000-word report. The project is supported by a study guide and set book on project management.

Person specification

The person specification for this module should be read in conjunction with the generic person specification for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should:

- hold a minimum of a masters degree in a subject relevant to health care
- normally hold a recordable teaching qualification relevant to the needs of adult learners and professional education
- have relevant higher-education experience of teaching research or project supervision with postgraduate students in one or more healthcare disciplines relevant to the module
- be committed to fostering interprofessional learning and ethical enquiry within health care
- have good IT skills, including a willingness to learn how to facilitate online discussions with your tutor group
- be ready to engage with the student in project planning and review, liaising with the module team as appropriate regarding the scale or scope of the planned work.

Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module: 60
Number of assignments submitted by the student: 3
Method of submission for assignments: 1b
Level of ICT requirements: 2
Number of students likely to be in a standard group: 2
Salary band: 1
Estimated number of hours per teaching week: 1

There may be opportunities for ALs to undertake associated assessment work for which there will be additional payment and about which you will be contacted separately if applicable.